We Need Action NOW

The Democrats, with their control of the White House and majorities in Congress, have the ability to take meaningful steps – if they had the political will – to overcome this attack from the right.

This very second, Biden could:

- Sign an executive order opening abortion clinics on federal land in the more than 20 states with trigger bans. Clinics would then be free to operate out of federal office buildings or mobile clinics could be set up on any federal land.
- Make abortion pills accessible across the country by using the F.D.A.'s guidance to preempt any state restrictions.
- Expand access to telemedicine services for abortion and use the federal control of the mail system to guarantee shipments of abortion pills will not be restricted.

Beyond this, Biden and the Democratic leadership in the House and Senate can fight tooth and nail to codify Roe. They can use every tactic at their disposal to force Joe Manchin and Kyrsten Sinema to get on board with abolishing the filibuster and passing the Women's Health Protection Act. They can also urgently repeal the Hyde Amendment and tax the billionaires to massively expand funding for clinics now buckling under increased demand.

In addition to these steps that would make a dramatic difference in people's ability to access abortions, we also need a host of social services to ensure people can afford to have children when they want them. This means an immediate transition to Medicare for All on a federal level to make all reproductive and gender affirming care free. It means bringing back the pandemic-era child tax credits, and fighting for universal childcare and fully funded public schools, all of this funded by taxing the wealthy.

In order to respond to the onslaught of vicious attacks from the right, much less win these additional basic necessities, we need an independent mass movement that can provide a homebase for young people, workers, and marginalized communities looking for a way to fight back.

Join my office and take action NOW to defend abortion rights!

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